on Defence Cooperation has been signed between the two Governments.

(b) The MOU provides for promotion of bilateral defence relations and cooperation in specific areas to be agreed upon, including, *inter alia* product support and services; bilateral defence projects; transfer of technology, technical assistance, training and co-production; defence science and technology and military-to-military professional exchanges?

Progress on LCA

407. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in regard to the light Combat Aircraft project;

(b) when the prototype is likely to be ready; and

(c) when the aircraft is expected to be commissioned into regular service?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) After completion of Project Definition Phase (PDP), the Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) commenced in April 90 and would be carried out in two phases. Critical technologies for LCA are planned to be demonstrated in Phase I of FSED, which is already in progress. Phase II envisages integration of various other technologies being developed parallely during Phase I. Government sanction is being sought for enhanced requirement of funds for Phase I activities.

(b) First flight of the technology demonstrator LCA is planned during 1996.

(c) After commencement of production, the LCA is likely to enter into Service-use around 2004.

INDO-US Defence Co-operation

408. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the aegis of Indo-US defence, Co-operation was achieved with the holding of 17th Pacific Arms Management Seminar (PAM-17) in India from 21st to 30th January;

(b) if so, how many countries participated in this seminar; and

(c) the objectives of the seminar as far as defence matters are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Army officers from 30 countries particpated in the Seminar.

(c) The objective of the Seminar was to provide a non political forum for professional exchanges, amongst middle and senior ground force officers, on "UN Peace-keeping Operation".

Cantonment Land in Hyderabad Secunderabad

409. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some exemptions are given in regard to cantonment land in Hyderabad and Secunderabad; and

(b) if so, what the details thereof; and whether some applications are pending in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Exemption from the operation of Chapter III of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulations) Act, 1976 has been accorded, under Section 20 of the said Act, to 17 Coorperative Housing Societies in Secunderabad Cantonment, Six more similar applications have been received.